

Transportation Committee Hearing – Wilbur Cross H.S., New Haven, Connecticut, March 4th, 2013

Good evening to all the Transportation Committee members. My name is Lorena Hall, I live in Hamden, and belong to Saint Louis Church in West Haven, Connecticut. I am here to support Bill #6037, which would allow the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue a motor vehicle operator's license to certain undocumented immigrants.

Since I have had so many sad things happen to me, because I did not have a driver's license – I lost my job because I had no means of transportation, I lost my car because I could not get it registered – I have felt hopeless, as if they had taken my life away. That time I took a taxi, desperate to get to work - I recall when the taxi driver locked me in his cab, because I didn't have enough money to pay him. I told him I was going to get the rest - and thank goodness he believed me, because I was so scarred and full of fright.

Thank goodness I now have my documentation, because immigrants need so as not to feel like they can treat us like delinquents. I love this country, and I feel proud of it, because I *have* what I had someday dreamed to have, and we are going to keep fighting along side you, so that this dream can become a reality.

I want to invite the legislators to stand up and take a look at *all* the families, along with their children, that need to feel safe in this country.

Thank you.

L. Hall